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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 23, 1999

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC.

CASE NO. PUE990618

For an Extension of Time to  
File its Annual Informational  
Filing

ORDER AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TIME

On September 17, 1999, Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG" or "the Company"), by counsel, filed a motion with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), requesting permission to delay the filing of its Annual Informational Filing ("AIF") for the twelve months ended June 30, 1999. Presently, VNG must file its AIF by no later than September 28, 1999. VNG asks that it be permitted to file its AIF by November 12, 1999. VNG represents that its AIF will reflect the rate-making adjustments approved by the Commission in its April 27, 1998, Final Order in Case No. PUE960227.<sup>1</sup>

In support of its motion, among other things, VNG alleges that it implemented a new accounting system known as the Common

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<sup>1</sup> We note that the write-off of post-retirement benefits other than pensions ("OPEB") is among the issues now under consideration before the Hearing Examiner in VNG's pending AIF, Application of Virginia Natural Gas, Inc., For an Annual Informational Filing, Case No. PUE970617. Depending on the final disposition of the issues in that case, VNG may have to make additional adjustments affecting the financial and operating data it files as part of its AIF for the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999.

Financial System, which VNG contends, has complicated the preparation of the financial and operating data for its AIF for period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999. In addition, VNG states that personnel changes in its departments that must provide information for the AIF also has slowed the preparation of the necessary information for this AIF.

NOW, UPON consideration of the foregoing request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; that the Company has demonstrated good cause for its request; and that VNG should be permitted to delay the filing of its AIF, employing the twelve months ending June 30, 1999, as a test period until November 12, 1999. We further find that this docket should remain open to receive VNG's AIF when it is filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990618.

(2) VNG shall file its AIF for the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, on or before November 12, 1999.

(3) This docket shall remain open to receive the Company's AIF and accompanying documents.